

Independent Business

April 10, 1981

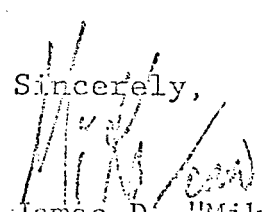
Mr. Wayne Valis
Special Assistant to the President
Office of Public Liaison
Room 190 OEOB
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Wayne:

I know that you will find the attached of great interest. It has been forwarded to our Home Office today and will be sent to our NFIB members in the Congressional Districts listed. It will go to approximately 250,000 businesses. As I said, our Home Office is having it printed over the weekend and it will be mailed on Monday, April 13th.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,


James D. "Mike" McKevitt **
Director of Federal Legislation

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Attachment

** Dictated via telephone on 4/10/81 and signed in his absence.

April, 1981

Dear NFIB Member:

If there was ever a time for you to contact your Member of Congress, is it now! The survival of small business in this country may depend on it, and during the period of April 10 to April 28, he or she should be home in the District for the Easter recess.

We both know that small business is being eaten alive by runaway inflation, sky-high interest rates, and excessive taxes. For years, NFIB has fought these evils on your behalf and now a major victory is within our grasp.

Since the election, I have met with President Reagan twice to discuss the needs of independent business and his economic proposals. I am convinced that he is determined to do everything in his power to reduce federal spending so he can bring inflation under control. And I have promised him that NFIB, its member firms, and the entire small business community will do everything we can to assist him in this important task.

As you know, the President has submitted to Congress the most comprehensive package of spending and tax cuts in history. The Senate has given his budget reductions prompt approval, but there exists a real threat that this vital part of the package will be stalled or gutted in the House of Representatives.

We must not allow this to happen. The President's package contains many proposals that have been enthusiastically endorsed by you members through your Mandate ballots: business tax reductions, regulatory reform, redirection of job training from government to the private sector, modifications of the food stamp and unemployment compensation programs, and others.

We now have the best opportunity in a decade to help reduce federal spending and bring inflation under control, Let's not let it slip away.

Don't wait! Contact your Member of Congress today, and ask him to support the Administration's efforts to regain control of federal spending. Tell them that the cuts must be deep, across the board and fair, and that they must be done quickly -- especially if Congress intends to cut taxes too.

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On the House floor, the choice will be between the Administration's budget, which will be offered by Rep. Latta, and the Budget Committee's "Democratic alternative." Ask your Congressman to rise above partisan and local politics and vote for the President's proposal. Small business, and the nation, desperately need it.

If you cannot reach your Congressman in the district during the Easter recess, send the message to Washington so that he will have your views when he returns on April 28.

Remember, this is your best chance to cut both double-digit inflation and high interest rates. Let's all do what we can to make the President's effort a success.

Sincerely,

Wilson S. Johnson
President

P.S. You can reach your Congressman by calling, or writing, his District office which should be listed in the white pages of your telephone directory. You can contact him in Washington by calling (202) 224-3121 and asking for his office or by writing to:

The Honorable _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

While you're at it, you might want to drop your Senators a line too:

The Honorable _____
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510